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Leonard is back in S.A. and could be on the floor for the Spurs in just weeks, if not sooner. **Page C1**



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Mills 'taking high road' after taunt



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Spurs guard Patty Mills and students from the Young Men's Leadership Academy look at an exhibit of Australian aboriginal art at the San Antonio Museum of Art.

Spurs guard says it can help him teach kids

By Tom Orsborn
STAFF WRITER

Spurs guard Patty Mills learned long ago from his parents that the best way to deal with racial slurs is to stand tall, be proud of your heritage and ignore them.

"They taught me that (racist insults) are just kind of a fly on your shoulder you can dust off and move on," Mills told inner-

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city students Monday at a Black History Month event. "Never (resort) to violence or anger."

Mills' comments came one day after a fan racially taunted him during the Spurs' win over the Cavaliers in Cleveland.

Mills said he was "taking the high road" after the incident.

"Look, last night's incident is something that is not new to me," said Mills, who described himself as a "very proud black Australian."

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Dreamers remain protected by ruling

Top court steers clear of DACA case

By Bill Lambrecht
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's announcement Monday that it will stay out of litigation over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program for now marks a victory for DACA recipients but likely reduces pressure on Congress to find a permanent solution.

The court declined to hear the Trump administration's extraordinary request to immediately review a lower-court decision that keeps in place protections for some 700,000 undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, including 124,000 in Texas.

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The San Antonio Botanical Garden's Family Adventure Garden covers 2.5 acres and is scheduled to open Saturday.

A new space for all to explore

Family-centered area at Botanical Garden opening

By Deborah Martin
STAFF WRITER

When youngsters visit the Family Adventure Garden, the newest addition to the San Antonio Botanical Garden, it's extremely likely they will get at least a little bit wet. A shallow stream ripe for splashing runs through part of the new garden, and ideally, it will entice kids' parents, grandparents and older siblings to join in the fun.

The \$5 million garden, rambling across 2.5 acres just inside the main entrance, was created to give families an up-close and personal experience



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San Antonio-based artist Attie Jonker created structures including whimsical playhouses.

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of the great outdoors.

"It's about engaging the entire family," said Bob Brackman, executive director of SA-BOT. "So it's not a children's garden; it's a family adventure garden. We want the kids, the teenagers, the moms, the grandparents, the caregivers to be engaged in learning how to play outdoors."

Besides the stream, the adventure garden, which opens Saturday, includes a hill perfect to roll or run down, looms where visitors can use natural materials to create distinctive designs, a theater stocked with costumes where impromptu performances can be staged and a dry creek bed where

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Ex-Bandidos president Jeffrey Fay Pike leaves the Federal Courthouse after a recent hearing. His trial on racketeering charges starts today.

Trial arrives for 2 ex-leaders of the Bandidos

By Guillermo Contreras
STAFF WRITER

As state authorities struggle to successfully prosecute more than 100 people indicted in the aftermath of the 2015 deadly biker clash in Waco, the feds are pushing forward here with a racketeering trial of two former leaders of the Bandidos for 16 years of alleged criminal conduct.

An anonymous jury of eight men and four women, along with four alternates, has been picked for the trial in San Antonio of former Bandidos president Jeffrey Fay Pike, 61, of Conroe and then-vice president John Xavier Portillo, 57, of San Antonio. Opening statements are scheduled for this morning in front of Senior U.S. District Judge David Alan Ezra for a trial that

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